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OFFICERS			NEXT MEETING							PROGRAM
			March							ERIC JAMESON WILL SPEAK ON STOCK CERTIFICATES, THEIR PRESERVATION AND VALUES. BRING CERTIFICATES FROM YOUR COLLECTION, IF YOU CARE TO. ERIC WILL ALSO HAVE AN EXHIBIT OF ALTA AND MERCER ITEMS, INCLUDING A 1907 MAP OF ALTA & BRIGHTEN AND SOME MINE MAPS
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FRIENDSHIPS AND MAKE NEW ONES. MAYBE EVEN MAKE THE "FIND"  
OF A LIFETIME!! DON'T MISS IT. PLAN NOW TO GO.



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month's meeting on Hobo Nickels was very interesting. Many thanks to Bob Campbell for providing the slide show. Also if anyone has a Hobo Nickel many of us would be interested in seeing one.

Spring is here and the ground has thawed. Now is the time to get out in the fresh air and start metal detecting. I am itching to get out and hunt this weekend, unfortunately yard work and other chores prevail. Next weekend I plan to break free and hit it hard. Those who feel it is still a bit chilly and want to hunt should consider a trip to southern Utah. There are some interesting ghost towns and other historic places close to St. George. Temperatures will be in the seventies, so if you don't have any luck detecting you can always work on your tan.

Good hunting,  
Bill Brown

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## PROFILES

### VICE PRESIDENT PHILIP A. LAVORGNA

Our vice president, Phil Lavorgna is a long time member of the NUTS Club. Phil grew up in Concord, Mass., is married, and is retired from the Air Force and Valley Bank. The Lavorgnas are residents of West Valley City. Phil's interests are tokens, transportation, electric street cars, and interurbans, & trains (live types and models).

Phil collects transportation tokens and books on street cars and interurbans.

### WAGON MASTER BRUCE DUGGER

Bruce is one of our wagon masters for 1993. Bruce has been a NUTS Club member for 4 or 5 years. He is married and has two grown children. Bruce grew up in the Kearns area and now resides in Bennion. His special interests and hobbies are hunting & fishing and U.S. Calvary Items. Bruce collects tokens, bottles, and coins. He would like to dig some place where no one else has been (everybody's dream).

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## FROM THE EDITOR

If your membership dues are not paid yet, please get them in. This is the last newsletter for unpaid members.

Our contest winner will be announced in the April newsletter. On the Boardwalk by Sarah Lewis is featured this month. Watch for George Wilson's article in a future issue.

Please send "letters to editor", stories, notes of interest, gossip, or what have you, to:

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DEADLINE FOR APRIL IS APRIL 15TH. THIS MEANS YOUR ARTICLE, LETTER, ETC., MUST BE TO ME BY APRIL 15TH TO BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

FROM BOB CAMPBELL: The Utah Numismatic Soc 1993 medals are ready to order. We can get them at the club price of \$13 for Silver, \$3 for bronze & copper, prepaid. Order by April 20.



## UNDER THE BOARDWALK

As we anxiously await for the spring thaw, all we can do is sit back and recollect the fun trips that we have been able to take. Here is one such trip.

The plan for the week-end was to go to Mohrland and search for treasures. On the drive to Mohrland, we decided to stop and snoop around in Hiawatha. Joe was off metal detecting and I was just wandering around when a sheriff came by to see what we were doing. Since the homeowners have moved away there has been a lot of vandalism so they are very suspicious of any strangers snooping around the old foundations. We decided to leave and continued on to Mohrland.

It's always a treat to be outdoors and enjoy the peace and quiet those old deserted towns offer. It "almost" makes up for all the dirt you have to eat!

Joe and I always seem to wander in different directions to scout the area. Joe was standing on a rock wall when he hollered for me to hurry and come over by him. I had just been over there and didn't see anything of interest so I couldn't understand what he was so excited about. As I reached the edge of the rock wall and looked down, there inching its way slowly along the ground was a blow snake that had to be five feet long. Well, needless to say, we moved on. So beware, those of you who are not fond of these legless creatures, this one is probably still lurking somewhere around the old school house, but by now he'll be even longer!! Be careful.

We didn't find anything at this location so we drove up the road a bit. You know that there are still many things to find--only where?

Joe was metal detecting and found a likely spot that might be worth screening. The top of the pile proved to be fruitless. Shucks!

Keep digging Joe, this isn't the bottom of the hole yet. As he dug deeper, things began to happen! The finds were a 1919 D Mercury Dime, a Carbon-Emery Stores Co. 5 cent token, a 1915 S Buffalo nickel and a yellow/red boulder in mint condition. I was nearby and threw a shovel full of dirt into the screen. This produced two marbles. This is the way we will go now. I was just scraping the top of the ground in a straight line and in almost every scoop there would be marbles--we weren't complaining. Not everyone gets excited about marbles, but we sure do. We were loving every moment. We ran into some old rotten boards, possibly an old boardwalk on the side of the house. We lifted the boards up and found more of these little jewels. All in perfect condition.

You wonder who lost them and how long they had been hidden. In a way you can almost visualize little boys lining their marbles in a straight line to see who could shoot the marbles out of the line or maybe racing the marbles down the boardwalk, betting who's marble was fastest. But then, the tears and frustration when the speedy marble lost control and slipped in the awaiting crack. Did they ever imagine that one day many, many years later their marbles would be found and put in someone's collection to admire? Probably not.

Our day had been very rewarding and as we packed up our gear we had good feelings about our finds, which make up for the times we have been skunked!!

The search is endless because we know there's always something just waiting to be discovered.

And folks, we hope we find it before you do!!

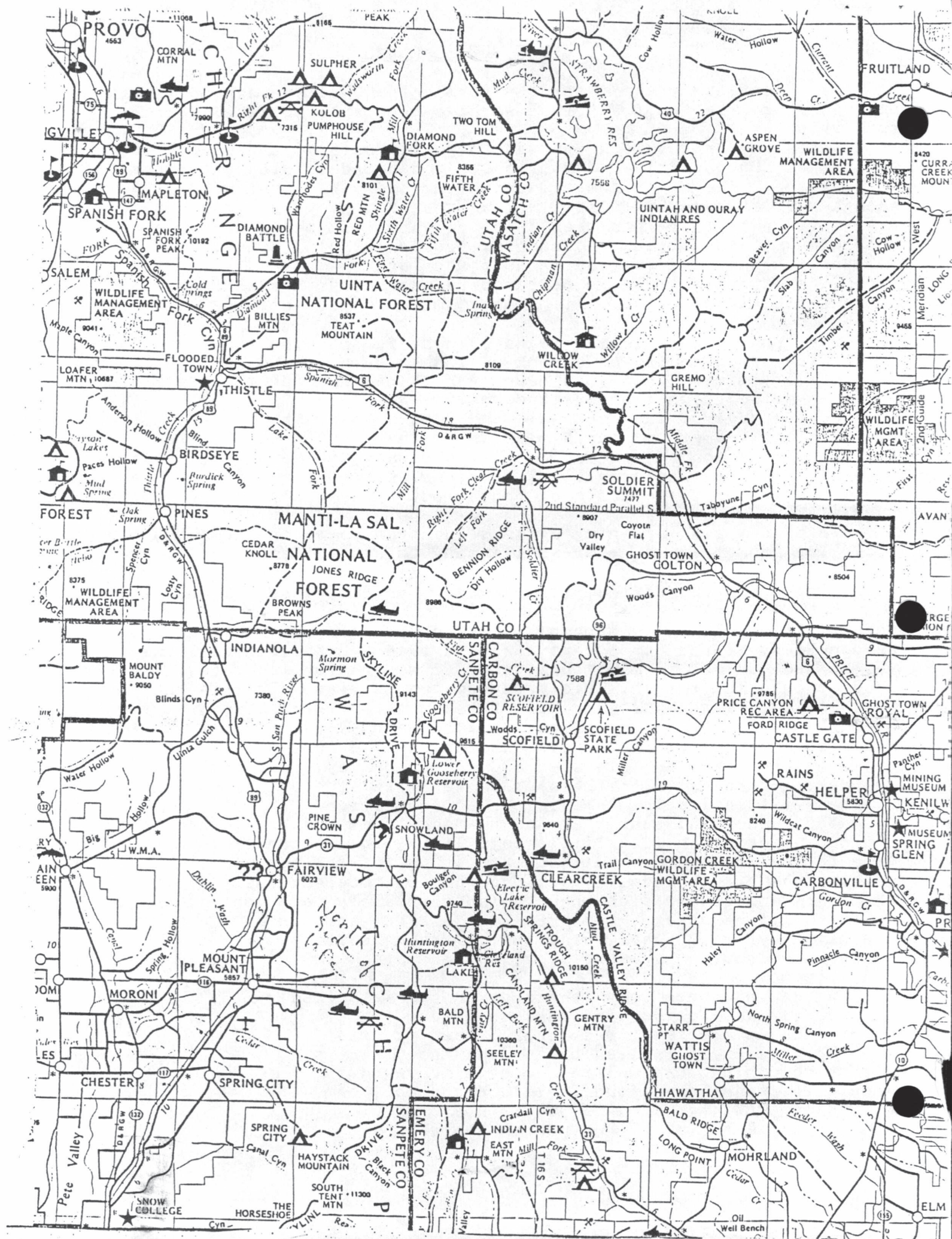
Happy hunting.

Sarah Lewis



"Joe is happiest when he's down in the dumps!"







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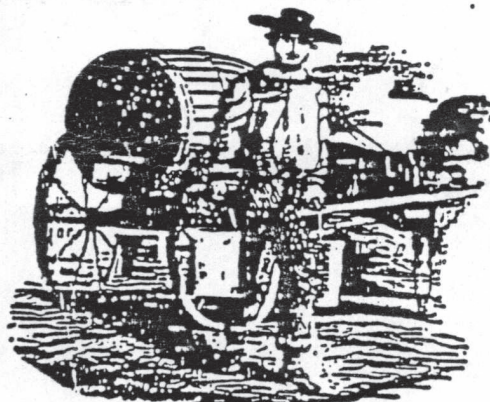
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